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THE ST. LOUIS REPUBLIC.

WORLD'S—1904—FAIR

2,256 "HORSE AND VEHICLE" ads were printed in The Republic last month.

NINETY-FIFTH YEAR.

ST. LOUIS, MO. WEDNESDAY, APRIL 8, 1903.

PRICE In St. Louis, One Cent. Outside St. Louis, Two Cents. On Terms, Three Cents.

HERMIT NEAR CLAYTON FIRES FROM AMBUSH UPON PASSING BUGGY

Bullet Bores Hole Through Hat Worn by Miss Edna Strampcke of Lexington, Mo.

NO WARNING OF THE ATTACK.

Accompanied by J. R. Lewis, Young Lady Was on Her Way to Webster Groves.

NEITHER KNOWS STRANGE MAN.

Francis Mendell for Fifteen Years Has Been a Source of Worry in St. Louis County—Has Led a Secluded Life.

Francis Mendell, a hermit, came from his abode along the North and South road near Madisonville, St. Louis County, yesterday, and without the least word of warning aimed his rifle at the occupants of a passing buggy and fired.

A bullet whizzed through the hat worn by Miss Edna Strampcke of Lexington, Mo., who was on her way to Webster Groves with J. R. Lewis of No. 5621 Von Versen avenue, an old friend. Mr. Lewis turned quickly when he heard the report of the rifle and saw an aged man, with streaming beard, standing a short distance from the roadside with a smoking rifle in his hand.

Fearing that the unexpected attack would be continued, though not knowing what induced the man to shoot, Lewis whipped up his horse and sped away as quickly as possible. Miss Strampcke was greatly shocked by her narrow escape.

WARRANT IS NECESSARY BEFORE HERMIT'S ARREST.

When he reached Madisonville Mr. Lewis called up the Sheriff's office at Clayton and gave an account of the attack to Deputy Sheriff Harry Schenck. He was told that he would have to go to Clayton and procure a warrant before Mendell could be arrested. This would have made it necessary to return over the scene of the shooting and it was deferred for the time.

Two men were walking along the road ahead of Lewis and Miss Strampcke when the shot was fired, and knowing the old hermit's eccentricities, they thought that they were being fired upon, and when they reached Madisonville they also made a report of the matter.

Miss Strampcke is visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Sexton of No. 304 Morgan street. She is an intimate friend of Mrs. Lewis, and it was at the latter's request that her husband took her to Webster yesterday afternoon.

They drove west on the Clayton road to the North and South road, where they turned to drive to Webster Groves. Mendell's hut is on the side of the road about one-half mile south of the Clayton road. They saw the hermit emerge from his hut as they passed.

HERMIT DEFEATS THE SHERIFF WITH VERSE FROM SHAKESPEARE.

Mendell is a queer character. He is about 5 feet tall, stooped, has long hair and a flowing gray beard. He has lived on the North and South road for about fifteen years, and has been a source of much trouble to the county authorities. His hut is on the land of W. D. Mills, a farmer living in Carsonville. Mills has been trying during that period to get him to vacate, but has not succeeded.

About four years ago Mills got judgment in ejectment against Mendell. Only half of his house is on Mills's ground. The other half is on the county road. Sheriff Kerth was served with notice by the hermit that he could only move half of his house. To have done so it would have been necessary to have moved the house in two. The hermit refused to do this, and Sheriff Kerth borrowed a big cross-cut saw and prepared to bisect the building. Mendell attempted to use his gun, but was disarmed by a deputy. He then quoted Portia's address in the "Merchant of Venice" to Kerth and paraphrased it to suit the occasion.

"Remember," he said, "what Portia said to Shylock: 'Thou shalt take but one pound of flesh; if thou sheddest one drop of Christian blood, thy life and thy lands shall be forfeited.' Remember, thou shalt take but one-half of this house. If thou takest even one fleck of sawdust from the other half, not thy life, but thy bond shall be forfeited."

REGARDED WITH TERROR BY COUNTY AUTHORITIES.

Sheriff Kerth did not appreciate the idea of being sued on his bond, and induced Mills to let Mendell stay there until he could move the whole cabin away. Mills consented and Mendell agreed to move, but the agreement was not kept.

Jailer Jake Roth of Clayton says that Mendell has been in his charge and that he served a term in the Penitentiary for shooting his wife. This was more than fifteen years ago. Since then he has led a life of seclusion, except when he was fighting with the officers of the law.

DENMARK TO ACT WITH THE TRIPLE ALLIANCE IN WAR?

Berlin Editor Declares Emperor William's Visit to Copenhagen Brought About This Agreement.

FULL DETAILS OF MISSOURI AND ILLINOIS ELECTIONS ON PAGE 3.

DEMOCRATS CARRY CITY BY MORE THAN 18,000.

Only Five Republicans and One Independent Candidate Elected to House of Delegates—Democrats Elect 22 Members—P. J. McMahon, Democrat, Chosen Inspector of Weights and Measures.

VOTE FOR COUNCIL CANDIDATES.

H. N. Davis (Dem.)	41,800	Frank Wyman (Leading Rep.)	22,441
Heine Marks (Dem.)	41,732	C. B. Allen (Rep.)	22,470
A. Gardner (Dem.)	41,635	Heddes (Rep.)	22,598
H. G. Rolfe (Dem.)	41,553	H. J. Gundlach (Rep.)	22,827
B. L. Lawler (Dem.)	41,529	B. J. Tausig (Rep.)	22,928
L. W. Morton (Dem.)	41,431	T. J. Ledendecker (Rep.)	23,399

DEMOCRATIC MAJORITIES OVER WYMAN.

Relies	18,112	Davis	18,259
Lawler	17,779	Gardner	18,194
Morton	17,697	Marks	18,211

INSPECTOR OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

P. J. McMahon (Dem.)	41,125
Hupp Tress (Rep.)	42,379

HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

W. D. Griffin (Dem.)	1,257	Frank Wyman (Rep.)	1,257
E. W. P. Richter (Rep.)	92	C. B. Allen (Rep.)	92
Julius Blumenthal (S.)	71	Heddes (Rep.)	71
Chas. Merten (S. L.)	17	H. J. Gundlach (Rep.)	17
Total	2,297	B. J. Tausig (Rep.)	17

C. H. Locking (Dem.)	720	Timothy McLean (Dem.)	1,790
A. H. Whitworth (Rep.)	1,182	J. P. Larkin (S.)	86
Richard Steel (S.)	54	Total	1,876
Charles Wiperman (S. L.)	54		
Total	2,049		

T. M. McCall (Dem.)	3,234	J. J. Sheehan (Dem.)	1,200
Joseph Spill (S. L.)	31	W. W. Baker (S.)	76
Total	3,265	H. W. Beerman (Ind.)	42

T. E. Kinney (Dem.)	1,112	R. D. Fisher (Rep.)	63
C. T. Case (Rep.)	164	A. B. Wetzel (Rep.)	64
Wm. H. Barrow (S. L.)	6	W. E. Kinard (S.)	70
Total	1,282	W. A. Block (Ind.)	70

Isaac Conroy (Dem.)	1,590	Barney Duff (S. L.)	25
Henry Horcher (Rep.)	300	Total	2,107
Wm. Voegel (S.)	8		
E. C. Dieckmann (S. L.)	12		
Total	1,884		

W. C. Zimmerman (Dem.)	1,420	George R. Norp (D.)	1,256
E. C. Neum (Rep.)	177	Edward Gammann (Rep.)	57
William Hill (S.)	51	J. E. Fitzpatrick (S. L.)	76
Total	1,648	Edward Brendel (L.)	21

George R. Norp (Dem.)	1,126	Total	2,305
Henry Horcher (Rep.)	300		
Wm. Voegel (S.)	8		
E. C. Dieckmann (S. L.)	12		
Total	1,446		

W. C. Zimmerman (Dem.)	1,420	J. A. Goldstein (Rep.)	1,126
E. C. Neum (Rep.)	177	B. E. Scott (S.)	58
William Hill (S.)	51	Total	2,164
Total	1,648		

George R. Norp (Dem.)	1,126	J. J. Sheehan (Dem.)	1,200
Henry Horcher (Rep.)	300	W. W. Baker (S.)	76
Wm. Voegel (S.)	8	H. W. Beerman (Ind.)	42
E. C. Dieckmann (S. L.)	12	Total	2,107
Total	1,446		

E. M. Block (Dem.)	918	J. G. Teschemacher (D.)	1,172
F. J. Schmidt (Rep.)	866	H. J. Gundlach (Rep.)	87
F. J. Schmidt (Rep.)	197	Gus Eckhoff (S.)	87
George Danner (S. L.)	54	H. P. Felker (L.)	58
Total	2,064	William Culbertson (S. L.)	58

T. S. Sloops (Dem.)	867	Total	2,302
T. J. Nolds (Rep.)	746		
Jacob Gabelman (S.)	61		
Chas. Unger (S. L.)	52		
Total	1,726		

W. H. Hughes (Dem.)	1,611	L. W. Hagmann (D.)	1,136
H. N. Simmons (Rep.)	270	C. A. Windmuller (R.)	57
E. C. Neum (Rep.)	177	Total	2,133
Carl Unshelm (L.)	48		
Total	2,106		

E. J. O'Neill (Dem.)	1,429	J. T. Brennan (D.)	1,811
Edward Koehn (Rep.)	345	William A. Pahl (R.)	870
E. M. Peabody (S.)	51	Total	2,681
J. H. Uthoff (Ind.)	49		
Total	2,314		

William Root (Dem.)	1,290	C. L. Geraghty (D.)	1,135
A. J. Hammerstein (Rep.)	1,257	A. W. Rigg (Rep.)	1,134
Charles Kassel (S.)	117	Otto Kayser (Rep.)	1,134
C. F. Meir (S. L.)	49	G. A. Rigg (L.)	49
Total	2,693	Henry Kunkel (Rep.)	11

Fred Weldner (Dem.)	1,780	Albert T. Terry (D.)	1,156
August Nasse (Rep.)	1,017	E. C. Laskin, Jr. (R.)	1,151
William Crouch (S.)	61	Total	2,810
Total	2,858		

Democrats swept the city yesterday by majorities ranging from 17,500 to 18,000, the largest ever secured by the party in St. Louis.

About 55,000 votes were cast. Every Democratic Council nominee was elected and all but six of the Democratic nominees for the House of Delegates.

Thirteen of the men elected can be counted upon to stand by the administration of Mayor Wells and not enter into any combinations.

The Republicans elected only five nominees for the House of Delegates—Withthoff in the Second, Hammerstein in the Twelfth, Weeke in the Seventeenth, Birge in the Twenty-seventh and Lachland in the Twenty-eighth. William A. Block, independent nominee in the Eighteenth Ward, was elected over his Republican and Democratic opponents.

Horatio N. Davis led the Council ticket with 42,600 votes. Doctor Helme Marks was a close second, with 42,577 votes. Isaac W. Morton received the least number of votes—41,335—his name being scratched by many of the labor unions.

Frank Wyman led the Republican Council ticket, with 22,441 votes.

The sweeping victory is generally ascribed to the desire of the citizens to support the Wells administration and the indifference of the Republican managers. Republicans took practically no interest in the campaign, spending no money and leaving everything to the ward committees.

Reform secured a great advance in the number of clean men elected to the House of Delegates. Heretofore there has been only a few men who could be relied upon to stand for a progressive and honest administration of affairs.

Thirteen of the men elected yesterday were on the Republic list of men worthy of support.

DEMOCRATS AGAIN CARRY CHICAGO.

Harrison Is Elected to His Fourth Term as Mayor. After the Fight of His Life.

PLURALITY IS MUCH REDUCED.

Traction Problem the Leading Issue, the Republican Candidate Wishing to Make Terms With Companies at Once.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Chicago, April 7.—For the fourth successive time, Carter H. Harrison was elected Mayor of Chicago to-day. He defeated Graeme Stewart, his Republican opponent, by 6,948 votes.

The total vote was: Harrison, 146,323; Stewart, 139,375.

The Mayor had the fight of his life, and the result was in doubt until the last hundred precincts were heard from.

Indicating the closeness of the contest, and the manner in which the Harrison victories have been narrowing, it may be recalled that he was elected the first time by 79,130 votes the second time by 41,054, and the third time by 38,341 and this time by 6,790. His total vote, 146,323, is well up to that of previous years.

CRUISE'S FLUKE.

One of the great surprises of the day was the small vote cast for Daniel L. Cruise, the Independent Labor candidate.

Mr. Cruise had been making boasts that he would poll more than 100,000 votes. He privately expressed himself as hopeful of getting 50,000.

Republican leaders were relying on his getting half that number, and predicted that the great bulk of the vote would come out of the Harrison column. Cruise, as a matter of fact, received 5,900 votes.

This makes the ninth time a Carter Harrison has been chosen chief executive of Chicago, the elder member of the family and father of the present Mayor having served five terms. Chicago was incorporated sixty-eight years ago. At the end of the Mayor's forthcoming term it will be said that in seventy years of municipal existence the Harrisons have presided in the Mayor's office one-fourth of the whole time.

Looking backward, in the light of the results of the day, it is fair to say that Stewart was a winner up to last Saturday evening. At that time, the Daily News, the organ of Victor P. Lawson, came out flat-footed for Harrison, as against Stewart.

Previous to that time the News had been practically neutral. Then it decided it could not brook the Stewart candidacy because Representative Lorimer was behind it. The representative was behind it, the News said, and they voted against him as a protest against Representative Lorimer.

PARAMOUNT ESTIMATE.

GoSSIP at the polls throughout the day showed that the voters considered the traction question the paramount issue, and the count vindicated the position which Mayor Harrison has all along taken on this question.

The people by their votes have shown that they have no objection to a victory for municipal ownership, a victory which may lead to the development of public national, as well as municipal utilities.

Partisan lines were cast aside to a great extent, but the result is, at the same time, a substantial endorsement of my administration.

In addition to the Mayor the Democrats elected the other officers on the city ticket, except City Clerk and City Attorney, by strong pluralities. The new City Council will be thirty-five Republicans, thirty-three Democrats and one Independent.

The aldermanic contest of greatest interest was that in the fashionable Twenty-second Ward, where Homer Palmer, present Alderman, was re-elected over Fletcher Dobbs, a Harvard man, and a member of the exclusive North Side set. Both men kept automobiles flying all day carrying voters to the polls. Debates and society girls generally did yeoman service for their respective factions, and there was great anxiety and suspense in the Lake Shore mansions until the actual result of the contest became known to-night.

GERMAN AGRARIANS TO URGE ANTI-AMERICAN TARIFFS.

European Customs Union Will Be Proposed at Continental Agricultural Congress in Rome.

Berlin, April 7.—The German Agrarians will attempt to revive the scheme for a Continental customs union, a league of American goods at an international agricultural congress which will be held at Rome from April 13 to 17.

Count von Schwerin Loewitz, a leading member of the Reichstag and president of the German Agricultural Council, will move that the Continental States form a new commercial treaty among themselves, giving special favor to European goods against American goods, and also British goods, which fall under the ban because of the action of Canada and the South American colonies in favor of every given goods.

The Count's motion will provide that the importer must prove that goods are of European origin, whereupon a lower duty will be collected than would be the case were they of non-European origin.

The papers here express much curiosity regarding the manner in which the congress will treat the motion.

MAYOR BELDING RE-ELECTED.

Hot Springs Goes Democratic by Increased Majority.

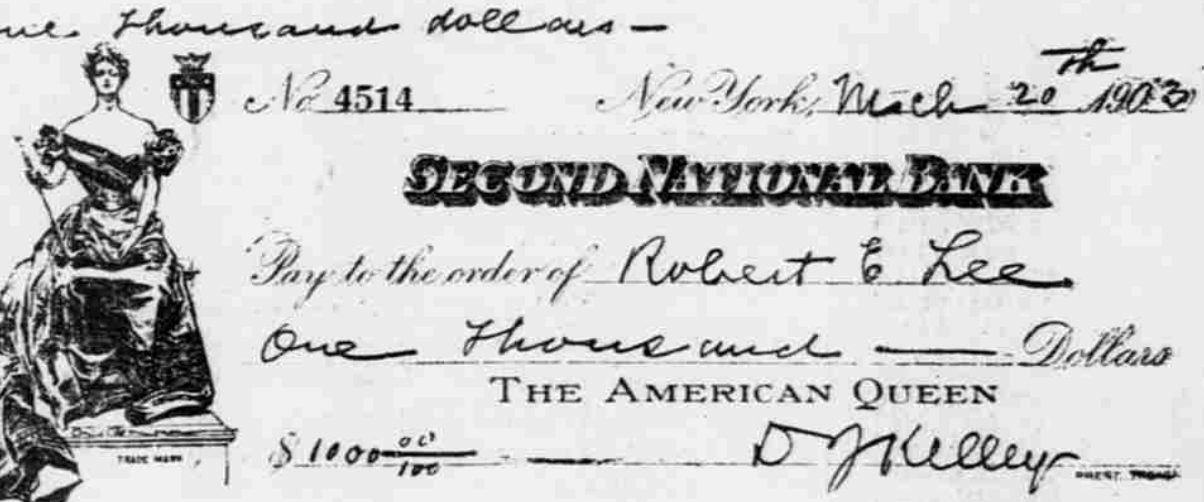
REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

Hot Springs, Ark., April 7.—Mayor George R. Belding and the entire Democratic ticket was elected here to-day by one of the largest majorities in the city.

Every ward in the city returned handsome majorities and the grand total will be close to 1,000.

LIEUT. GOV. LEE PRODUCES \$1,000 CHECK FROM BAKING POWDER TRUST'S AGENT.

Information Obtained by Attorney General Crow and Circuit Attorney Folk From High State Officials Leads to Arrest in New York of Daniel J. Kelley, Who Will Be Brought to St. Louis to Answer to Charges of Bribery.



This is the check, now in the hands of Attorney General Crow, on which information was filed last night against Daniel J. Kelley of "The American Queen," New York, by Circuit Attorney Folk.

As the result of an effort to bribe John A. Lee, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri, an information was filed last night against Daniel J. Kelley, legislative agent of the Royal Baking Powder Company of New York, known as the Alum Trust, by Circuit Attorney Folk.

The information alleges that Kelley sent to Governor Lee a check for \$1,000 by Robert E. Lee, his brother.

It further sets forth that Kelley desired to obtain the Governor's influence against the repeal of or amendment to the alum bill by the Forty-first General Assembly.

Circuit Attorney Folk and Attorney General Crow yesterday afternoon conferred at the Southern Hotel and heard the testimony of several witnesses, who will be used by the State in the prosecution of Kelley, among them Lieutenant Governor Lee, his brother, Robert E. Lee; Secretary of State Sam R. Cook and Joseph Tall of Kahoka.

At the request of Governor Dockery Kelley was arrested in New York yesterday morning, but telegraphic advices in the evening said he had been permitted to go on his own recognizance.

Chief of Detectives Desmond was called to the Circuit Attorney's office as soon as the information was filed and requested to ask the New York police to again arrest Kelley.

Governor Dockery, in telephonic communication with Circuit Attorney Folk last night, stated that he had telegraphed to Governor Odell of New York and that the Governor had assured him that he would order the arrest of Kelley.

Detective James Tracy was sent to Jefferson City for requisition papers, and as soon as they are signed will depart for New York to bring Kelley to St. Louis. An arrangement has been made to have Governor Odell honor the requisition immediately.

Witnesses say \$20,000 was distributed by Kelley among members of the Legislature; that about sixteen members accepted the bribes.

At the instance of Attorney General Crow information charging attempted bribery was filed last night against Daniel J. Kelley, legislative agent of the Royal Baking Powder Company, by Circuit Attorney Folk.

The offense is alleged to have been committed in St. Louis at the Planter's and Southern hotels.

Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee, by furnishing a check which Kelley gave to Robert E. Lee, his brother, gave the evidence upon which the information was filed. The Lieutenant Governor and his brother will be the main witnesses in the case, one which promises to become the starting point in a series of trials which those ported upon the trend which affairs are taking expect to follow.

Last Saturday The Republic published an exclusive article about the distribution of cash at one of the downtown hotels on Wednesday, March 25, two days after the adjournment of the General Assembly. Acting upon this information, Attorney General Crow took the matter up with the County Grand Jury.

ATTEMPTED TO BRIBE HIM.

In the course of several talks with Lieutenant Governor Lee Mr. Crow asked if there was not some way in which the facts concerning the alleged use of bribe money could be established. The Lieutenant Governor said that he could not tell of the check which Kelley came to him and asked if he could not help with the legislation at this session of the Assembly. I knew Kelley pretty well, as he had frequently contracted for advertising in the Interstate Grocer with me.

"I told Kelley that I could not do anything for him. He wanted me to name the committee so that a repeal bill would have smooth sailing, as it did in the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee of two years ago. I told him that I could not and would not do so. On different occasions he telephoned me about the matter, and at one time I met him at a hotel, but we could not talk to suit him. He finally secured the help of other men. He told me that he had \$10,000 which he expected to spend this winter.

"Of course, I refused to have anything to do with the money, but he did not know what the money was for, and will testify that Kelley owed him nothing."

Acting upon this story of Lieutenant Governor Lee, Attorney General Crow came to St. Louis yesterday afternoon, arriving at 6 o'clock. Lieutenant Governor Lee was with him. They went to the Southern Hotel, where they held a long conference with Circuit Attorney Folk, going over the entire matter with him.

ATTORNEY GENERAL CROW TO ASSIST FOLK.

The check was turned over to Attorney General Crow and is now in his possession. Governor Dockery has instructed the Attorney General to assist Circuit Attorney Folk here in St. Louis, and he will help the new Grand Jury when it convenes to-morrow. He will be in the city to-day, and expects to secure additional testimony which will involve one or more of the Senators whose records have been open to suspicion during the last few years.

"The American Queen," of which Kelley is the extensive publisher, is the official organ of the "Public Health Society" of New York.

ARREST OF D. J. KELLEY FOLLOWED CONFERENCE BETWEEN CROW AND LEE.

Jefferson City, Mo., April 7.—The County Grand Jury will have something to do when it convenes next Monday morning, for a further consideration of breading in the Missouri Legislature. At the request of Attorney General Crow, Daniel J. Kelley, legislative agent in Jefferson City last winter,



EDWARD C. CROW, Attorney General of Missouri.

ter for the Royal Baking Powder Company, under the assumed name of Brown, was arrested in New York to-day. Governor Dockery today wired Governor Odell of New York to hold Kelley for all means, as requisition papers would not be sent.

The arrest of Kelley is the result of a conference held last night by Lieutenant Governor John A. Lee and Attorney General E. C. Crow. At this conference Governor Lee turned over to the Attorney General a check for \$1,000, signed by Daniel J. Kelley and made out in favor of John A. Lee.

Governor Lee's story in regard to the big check is that early in the session he was approached by Kelley and asked to use his influence against the bill to repeal the baking-powder law. Governor Lee refused, and later refused to sign a requisition.

In connection with the arrest of Kelley to-day in New York, it is now known that Mr. Crow was unable to be found last night. Governor Lee, who was to have spoken here at the Courthouse to a public gathering of Democrats, pleaded sickness and conferred with General Crow about the matter.

Rather than be disturbed, Mr. Crow did not go to his office after obtaining the information from Governor Lee, but went to a friend took a long walk out into the country to think over the matter and decide what to do. On his return he wired to New York to arrest Kelley this morning, which was done. Mr. Crow left for St. Louis this afternoon.

AGED LOVERS WEDDED AT LAST.

They Parted in Anger Forty Years Ago.

REPUBLICAN SPECIAL.

ILL., April 7.—The marriage of William H. Sexton and Mrs. Ellen Wilcox at Kansas, Ill., to-day marks the culmination of a romance begun forty years ago. The couple were lovers in Missouri in 1863, but quarreled and separated, never meeting again until recently together by accident at Springfield, Ill., a few weeks ago. Though both are now grandfathers the old flame was rekindled and the wedding followed.

Mr. Sexton is a wealthy farmer and is the Supervisor of this township.

LEADING TOPICS

TO-DAY'S REPUBLIC.

THE SUN RISES THIS MORNING AT 6:26 AND SETS THIS EVENING AT 6:23. THE MOON SETS TO-MORROW MORNING AT 7:17.

For Missouri and Illinois—Showers Wednesday. Thursday probably fair. For Arkansas—Showers Wednesday morning, followed by clearing and cooler. Thursday fair.

For East Texas and West Texas—Fair Wednesday and Thursday.

2. President Meets Frontier